

Society Events of the Week

The signal events of the week past were the Babcock luncheon and the cotillion at the fort. Week by week something seems to be given surpassing other events of a similar nature, and one wonders where it will stop.

The gold room at the Alta club was decorated on Tuesday as never before, the affair being the luncheon to fifty ladies given by Mrs. Stephen H. Babcock. The tables were arranged in a Maltese cross, banked in the center with palms, out of which rose a great mass of American Beauties. Lights with frosted globes glowing through red azalias studded the tables, and between them, growing as it were in beds of smilax, were lilies of the valley and white Roman hyacinths.

Plumosa in profusion covered the chandelier and hung gracefully from the mantel, upon which masses of calla lilies seemed to grow.

Around the mirror on the north wall masses of holly were arranged, with hyacinths growing around the base, and an azalia in full bloom in the center. Palms were placed on a pedestal in each corner, and the whole effect of red and white was marvelously beautiful. Huddart did the decorating.

An elaborate luncheon was served, and an orchestra played during the afternoon.

Beautifully led by Capt. Sturgis and Mrs. Clement, the cotillion given by the club at Fort Douglas in the Post hall on Wednesday night was a brilliant success in every particular. The hall never looked so beautiful, festooned in holly, mistletoe and Christmas green, and glowing with red shaded lights. The windows were surrounded with green, and red army blankets made most effective curtains.

The favor booth was a mass of color, and cozy corners were artistically arranged around the room. The favors were dainty and artistic and treasured by all who received them.

Most of the figures were military, until after midnight, when the fun grew fast and furious.

Just after the supper at the club six morticians in black brought in the corpse of 1902 on a stretcher, and deposited the old gentleman in a coffin amid much applause. After the striking of twelve a charming little girl, representing the new year, was seen at the end of the hall. Then the dancing began, and lasted till 2 o'clock.

The committee, Mrs. Pardee, Mrs. Sturgis, Mrs. Smith, Miss Bubbs, Capt. Harbeson and Lieut. Merrill, are to be complimented for the prettiest affair ever given at the post.

Most artistic was the Japanese affair given by Mrs. Ewing on Monday afternoon. Not a detail was overlooked in giving the home a perfect Japanese effect, and it was one of the most quaintly beautiful affairs of the season.

Those who received in town and at the fort on New Year's day started the social life for 1903 in a charming manner. Gov. and Mrs. Wells, with the Governor's staff, received all afternoon. Their many friends in town and the officers from the post called during the afternoon and the First Regiment band gave a serenade.

The ladies assisting Mrs. Wells were Mrs. Katz, Mrs. Frank Jennings, Mrs. Denbeigh Katz, Mrs. Charles S. Burton and Mrs. McClure.

Mrs. Edwin F. Holmes and Mrs. Jay T. Harris received informally during the afternoon and many called at the lovely home.

Misses Read, McGrath, Salisbury, Donnellan, Dooley and McMillan received at the McMillan residence, which was headquarters for the younger set during the afternoon.

Mrs. R. H. Channing, Miss Judge and Miss

Burke received at the home of Miss Judge, and later in the evening gave a delightful keno party to a number of friends.

Mrs. Louise Smedley Smith was another charming hostess of the day, receiving at the pretty Smedley home.

Mrs. James W. Neill and Miss Violet Neill received at their home on State street, assisted by Mesdames Igleheart, Sol Seigel, G. H. Taggart, O. B. Hewitt, Rosemary Glosz Whitney, Miss Creary and Miss Sterling.

At the fort the ladies receiving were Mrs. Sturgis, Mrs. Pardee and Mrs. Hepburn, and many went up from the city to call.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bersbach of Chicago have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Amy Frances, to Samuel S. Porter of this city. Mr. Porter goes East tomorrow, and the ceremony will take place on January 14th at the Ravenswood Congregational church.

Preceding the cotillion Wednesday evening Dr. and Mrs. Hepburn entertained at a delightful dinner. The decorations were in the holiday red and green, made effective with holly, carnations and smilax. Covers were laid for ten.

Judge and Mrs. William H. King give a dinner next Thursday evening.

Mrs. E. M. Allison entertained informally Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Holman gives a luncheon for Mrs. W. G. Sharp next Tuesday.

Mrs. Joseph Jennings entertained at cards last evening.

An informal gathering watched the old year out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Reid on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton gave a New Year dinner to a number of friends.

The Misses Hanauer entertained at dinner New Year's.

Mrs. Diehl entertained the Card club Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Jane Mackintosh entertains next Saturday night.

Mrs. Rachel S. Miller entertained at dinner on New Year's day.

Mrs. O. J. Salisbury entertained at a Theater party Monday night.

Mrs. James Jennings gave a children's party yesterday for the children of Mrs. Walter Jennings.

Mrs. Dunbar entertained at a children's party Monday afternoon.

Misses Bessie and Mildred McMillan gave a dancing party Monday evening.

Mr. McPherson Boyd gave a dinner Sunday evening for Mr. Walter Townsend, who dropped in on his way to San Francisco. The same gentleman entertained at the Country club Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. David R. Gray gave a party yesterday afternoon for Misses Mary and Carrie Marshall.

Miss McIntyre gave a dancing party New Year's night.

The Emery Flats.

The Louise Grace Emery flats are nearing completion on the corner of State and First streets, and it is of interest to know who will occupy the different apartments. The building will be ready for occupancy about February 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Langley will have the corner rooms on the first floor. Directly above will be Mr. and Mrs. Jay T. Harris, and above Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Walker. Others who will occupy the apartments are Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lanus and Miss Lanus, Mr. and Mrs. Ash, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chesney, Mr. and Mrs. William White, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. George Rust, Mr. George Blood and mother and Mrs. Harry Edwards.

The apartments in the Emery-Holmes apartment house are already being spoken for, though it will not be ready for a year, which shows how such a place is needed in Salt Lake. Those who have spoken for rooms are Mr. and Mrs. David Murray, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Flagg. The idea of building these houses here originated with Mr. J. S. Bransford, and they will prove a great investment, besides being a blessing to the ladies who are wrestling with the servant question.

Each tenant is furnished with water, heat, light and janitor service, storerooms and use of laundry, and some of the flats have kitchens. In the Brigham street apartment there will be a first-class cafe, and everything will be most modern.

According to the prevailing opinion of critics, the three most popular novels published during the past three months are "The Virginian," by Owen Wister; "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," by Charles Major, and "The Conqueror," by Gertrude Atherton.

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